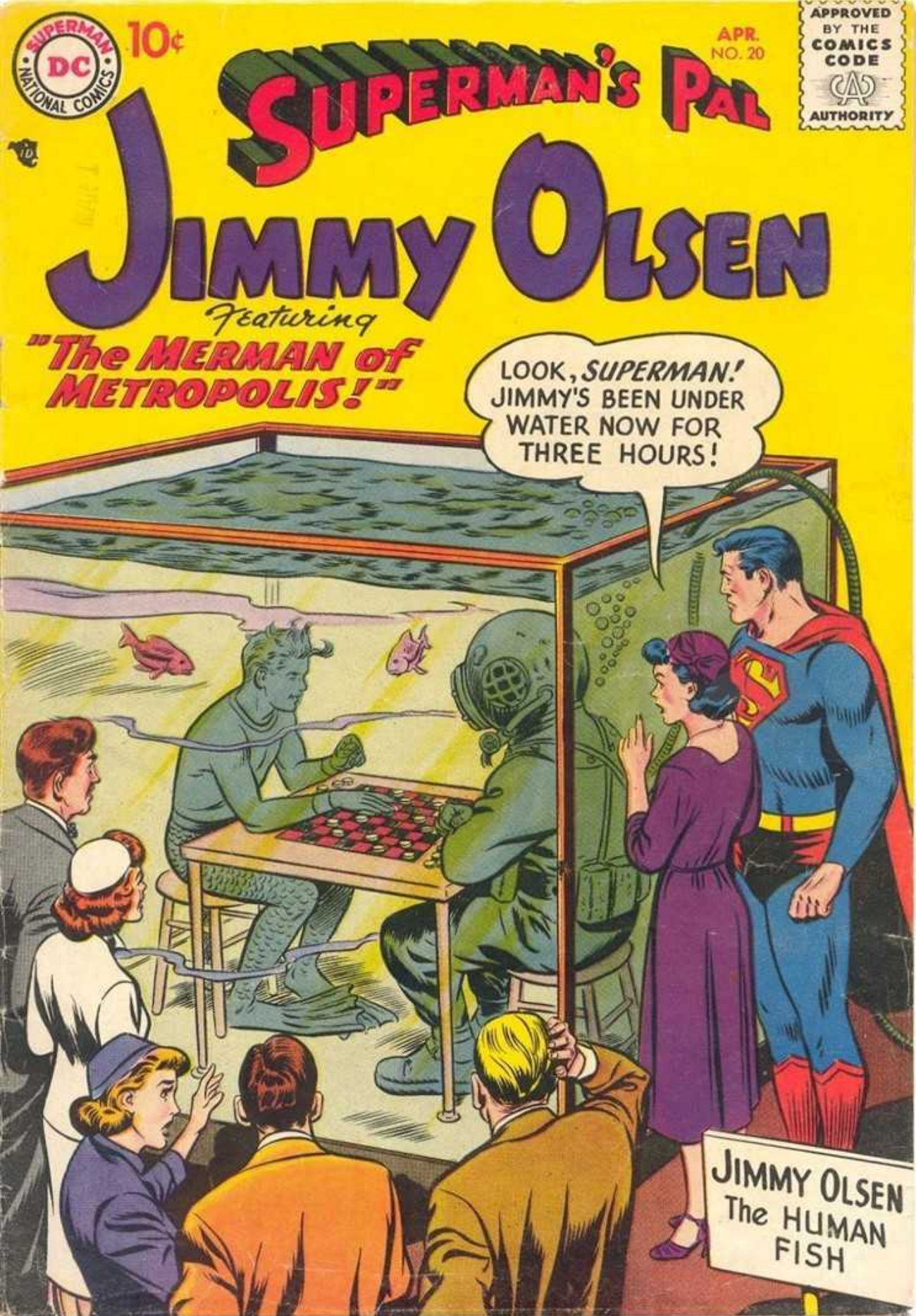
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WHAT IS THE MOST UNUSUAL PET YOU CAN THINK OF? A BABY CHIMPANZEE? A KANGAROO? A PENGUIN? YOU WOULD NEVER GUESS THE ASTOUNDING CREATURE THAT **SUPERMAN'S** YOUNG PAL ACQUIRES FOR A PET SHOW! INDEED, YOU WILL BE BOTH AMAZED AND AMUSED WHEN YOU MEET...

JIMMY OLSEN'S SUPER-PET

BRING MORE, **SUPERMAN!** THIS IS ONLY A **SNACK** FOR **DANNY THE DINOSAUR!**

GREAT SCOTT! HOW MUCH WILL IT TAKE TO SATISFY HIM... A **WHOLE CARLOAD?**

WHILE CLEARING A SEA LANE OF A DANGEROUS GLACIER, ONE DAY, **SUPERMAN** MAKES AN AMAZING DISCOVERY...

HMM... WHAT'S THAT? SEEMS TO BE A HUGE DINOSAUR EGG, FROZEN HERE FOR LONG AGES!

AFTER HIS JOB IS DONE...

PRESERVED IN ICE, IT MIGHT ACTUALLY HATCH INTO A LIVE SPECIMEN OF THE EXTINCT DINOSAUR! I'LL BRING IT TO THE ZOO... BUT FIRST, I'LL SHOW IT TO JIMMY OLSEN SO HE CAN WRITE A SCOOP ON IT!

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MEANWHILE, WHERE SUPERMAN'S YOUNG PAL READS AN INTERESTING AD IN THE PAPER...
GOSH...THE METROPOLIS PET CLUB IS OFFERING A $10,000 PRIZE, NEXT WEEK, FOR THE MOST UNUSUAL PET! TROUBLE IS, I DON'T OWN ANY PETS!
DAILY PLANET 5¢
THUS, WHEN THE MAN OF STEEL ARRIVES WITH HIS FIND...
WOW! A DINOSAUR WOULD WIN THE PET PRIZE FOR SURE! MAY I HAVE IT, SUPERMAN?
BUT JIMMY, THIS IS A GREAT DISCOVERY FOR SCIENCE! BESIDES, YOU WOULDN'T WANT A PET AS BIG AS A HOUSE!
AW, HOW BIG CAN IT GROW IN ONE SHORT WEEK? AFTER I WIN THE PRIZE WITH THE BABY DINOSAUR, THE ZOO CAN RAISE IT INTO A FULL-GROWN SPECIMEN!
OKAY, JIMMY... I'LL HEAT IT UP FAST, WITH SUPER-FRICTION! OF COURSE, IT MAY NOT HATCH AT ALL...
BUT LUCK IS WITH JIMMY AS, MINUTES LATER...
OH BOY! WHAT A SUPER-DUPER PET! CUTE, ISN'T HE? LET'S SEE... I'LL CALL HIM DANNY THE DINO!
HE'S YOURS FOR A WEEK, JIMMY! TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM, AND FEED HIM WELL!
YEEP! YEEP!
JIMMY QUICKLY DISCOVERS THAT FEEDING THE HUNGRY CREATURE IS NO EASY JOB...
JEEPERS! WHAT AN APPETITE! I HAD TO MAKE BIGGER AND BIGGER SANDWICHES! EVEN THIS SEVEN-DECKER ISN'T ENOUGH... I'LL GO SHOPPING AND FRY HIM SOME EGGS!
RETURNING, JIMMY FRIES... AND FRIES... AND FRIES!
HOLY COW! THIS MAKES 100 EGGS HE'S GOBBLED UP! HE... HE'LL EAT ME OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME! AND HE LOOKS BIGGER ALREADY-- AS IF HE'S GROWING FAST!
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SUPER-FAST IS THE WORD, AS JIMMY LEARNS, THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
YEEP! YEEP!
GOLLY, HE DOUBLED HIS SIZE OVERNIGHT! I'LL TAKE HIM FOR A WALK AND... WHOA, DANNY! ARE YOU HUNGRY AGAIN?
YEEP! YEEP!
BOW WOW CAFE
OMIGOSH! CAN'T HOLD HIM BACK... HELP!
SUPER-HEARING PICKS UP THE DISTRESS CRY-- AND, WITHIN SECONDS...
GOT YOU, JIMMY-- BEFORE YOU HIT THAT BROKEN GLASS!
THANKS, SUPERMAN! MY PET IS TURNING OUT A LITTLE TOO... ER... SUPER! HOW DID HE GET SO BIG AND STRONG?
HMM... HE DESCENDED FROM AN AMAZING SPECIES OF DINOSAUR THAT GREW FAR FASTER THAN OTHER ANIMALS! THAT'S WHY HE NEEDS ENORMOUS AMOUNTS OF FOOD! MAYBE YOU'D BETTER GIVE HIM UP NOW, JIMMY!
AND LOSE THE PET PRIZE? NOSIREE! I'LL KEEP FEEDING HIM, EVEN IF IT COSTS ME HALF MY PAYCHECK!
IT'LL TAKE MORE MONEY THAN THAT, JIMMY, TO SATISFY THE APPETITE OF YOUR SUPER-PET...
ALL 26 FLAVORS... KEEP THEM COMING!
CREAM
26
FLAVORS
VANILLA
CHERRY
DELIVER TEN MORE CANS TOMORROW!
I'LL BUY YOUR... ER... WHOLE STOCK!
FRUIT & VEGETABLES
3

BY THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK...
GOSH, I... I'M DEAD BROKE! HOW CAN I RAISE THE MONEY TO FEED HIM FOR THREE MORE DAYS?
LATER...
HOPE SUPERMAN DOESN'T CATCH ME HOCKING MY SUPERMAN SOUVENIRS... BUT I'LL BE FLUSH AGAIN, AFTER I WIN THE $10,000 PET PRIZE! THIS MONEY SHOULD HOLD OUT FOR THREE DAYS!
PAWN
BUT, NEXT DAY...
OH, NO... ONLY A THIN DIME LEFT! THAT DOES IT! I'M GOING TO GET RID OF YOU, DANNY, UNDERSTAND?
YEEP? SOB-SOB-SOB YEEP?
YEEP! SOB-SOB-SOB YEEP!
AW... PLEASE-- DON'T LOOK AT ME THAT WAY, DANNY DINO! YOU'RE GULP BREAKING MY HEART! I--I'LL KEEP YOU... I PROMISE!
BUT THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO RAISE MORE MONEY! LET'S SEE... AH--THIS SPECIAL JOB IS RIGHT UP MY ALLEY!
HELP WANTED!
WILL PAY $100 FOR BOY TO TEST NEW JET BICYCLE
APPLY INVENTOR, 18 OAK STREET
SO AWHILE LATER...
BE CAREFUL, SON... MY NEW JET MOTOR GIVES THAT BICYCLE TREMENDOUS SPEED!
SUPER-DUPER! THIS IS FUN... AND I'LL GET PAID FOR IT, TOO!
BUT, BEFORE LONG...
YIPES! CAN'T STOP OR TURN... I'LL HIT THAT TREE!
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IN THAT SAME INSTANT, HOWEVER...
SUPERMAN! WHEW! WHAT A LUCKY BREAK YOU SHOWED UP!
I FIGURED I'D BETTER KEEP TABS ON YOU, JIMMY! WHY ARE YOU RISKING YOUR NECK LIKE THIS?
AFTER HALTING THE CYCLE...
I HAD TO EARN THIS $100 TO FEED DANNY DINO! HE'S WAITING HUNGRILY AT HOME!
NO HE ISN'T! HE CAME TO FIND YOU!... AND THE DOG CATCHER IS AFTER HIM!

I...UH... GUESS THERE'S NO LAW AGAINST HAVING A PET DINOSAUR, YOUNG FELLOW... BUT WHERE'S HIS LICENSE?
GOSH, I FORGOT--ALL PETS NEED A LICENSE! WELL, IT CAN'T COST TOO MUCH!
LICENSES GO ACCORDING TO THE PET'S WEIGHT! SUPERMAN ESTIMATES HIM AT FIVE TONS... THAT'S $100, PLEASE!
YIPES! THERE GOES ALL THE MONEY I JUST EARNED!

AS SUPERMAN FLIES JIMMY AND HIS MAMMOTH REPTILE HOME, MORE TROUBLE AWAITS THEM... IN THE FORM OF JIMMY'S LANDLADY...
YOUR "PET" SMASHED THE WALL BEFORE, TO GET OUT! YOU CAN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE, UNLESS YOU GET RID OF THAT CREATURE!
JEEPERS! NOW I HAVE NO HOME EITHER!

AFTER SUPERMAN REPAIRS THE WALL...
GUESS I... I'LL JUST HAVE TO GIVE UP DANNY! HE'S GETTING TOO BIG AND POWERFUL TO HANDLE! I WON'T WIN THE PET PRIZE AFTER ALL!
TOO BAD, JIMMY... BUT YOU REALLY HAVE NO CHOICE!
YET, WHEN THEY TURN DANNY OVER TO THE ZOO...
YEEP! YEEP!
GOSH... HE'S WEEPING BUCKETS OF TEARS! HE'S HEARTBROKEN -CHOKE- AND SO AM I! I JUST CAN'T LEAVE HIM... TAKE US AWAY FROM HERE, SUPERMAN!
ZOO
SOON...
WHAT A DILEMMA! I HAVE NO HOME FOR DANNY-- NO FOOD-- NO MONEY... NOTHING!
ER... DON'T YOU BREAK DOWN NOW, JIMMY! I'LL HELP YOU KEEP DANNY, SINCE YOUR ONLY HOPE IS TO WIN THAT PET PRIZE AFTER ALL!
OUTSIDE OF TOWN, AFTER ROUNDING UP SOME DEAD TREES...
WHAT A PAL! YOU BUILT A CABIN FOR ME AND A PEN FOR DANNY!
NOW I'LL ROUND UP FOOD FOR YOUR SUPER-PET...
SWIFTLY, THE MAN OF STEEL CONSTRUCTS A SUPER-SCYTHE, AND...
NOBODY OWNS THIS FIELD OF WILD HAY... I'LL MOW DOWN ENOUGH TO MAKE A CAR-LOAD OF BALES!
FINALLY...
THAT OUGHT TO HOLD HIM TILL THE PET SHOW OPENS!
SUPER-DUPER! I'LL RECOUP ALL MY LOSSES WHEN DANNY WINS THE $10,000!
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BUT WHEN THE TIME COMES AT LAST, JIMMY RECEIVES THE CROWNING BLOW...
POSTPONED?? OH NO? I... I CAN'T GO THROUGH ANOTHER WEEK LIKE THAT! THE WORST HAS HAPPENED!
PET SHOW POSTPONED ONE WEEK
NOT QUITE, JIMMY--FOR A SUDDEN HUNGER SEIZES THE HUGE DINOSAUR AND...
YEEP! YEEP!
OMIGOSH! STOP, DANNY! DON'T RAID THAT SUPER-MARKET!
MARKET
SMASH
HE'S GULPING DOWN EVERYTHING IN SIGHT! I... I CAN'T PAY FOR THIS! I'LL HAVE TO GIVE MYSELF UP TO THE MANAGER :GULP: AND GO TO JAIL!
SLURP! CRUNCH
GRRRRRRRRRRR!
WITH A BELLOW OF ANGER, DANNY THE DINO LEAPS AFTER THE BANDITS WHO DARED TO MISTREAT HIS BELOVED MASTER...
YIPES! WHO'S DOIN' THIS? ... SUPERMAN?
ATTA BOY, DANNY! HOLD THEM TILL I CALL THE POLICE!
BUT IN THE MANAGER'S OFFICE, STILL ANOTHER SURPRISE AWAITS JIMMY...
YEEP?
WE GOT THE LOOT... OUTA THE WAY, KID!
OOF! CROOKS -- ROBBING THE STORE!
SPICES
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JIMMY'S SUPER-PET HAS SAVED THE DAY IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE-- FOR SOME TIME LATER, AT THE POLICE STATION...
YOU GOT A REWARD FOR CAPTURING THOSE NOTORIOUS BANDITS... $10,000!
SUPER-DUPER! JUST LIKE THE PET PRIZE! THAT RECOUPS ALL MY LOSSES, WITH PLENTY LEFT OVER TO BUY YOU A CARLOAD OF FOOD, DANNY!
BUT STRANGELY ENOUGH, AFTER JIMMY REWARDS THE HEROIC REPTILE...
WHY DON'T YOU EAT, DANNY? YOU LOOK UNHAPPY!
I THINK I KNOW WHAT'S WRONG, JIMMY...
YEEP...
NOW THAT HE'S FULLY GROWN, DANNY LONGS TO BE WITH HIS OWN KIND, AS ALL ANIMALS NATURALLY DO! HMM... MY TELESCOPIC VISION SHOWS A DINOSAUR WORLD FAR OUT IN SPACE! HE'D BE HAPPY THERE!
AND SO, AFTER SUPERMAN PREPARES A SUITABLE CONVEYANCE, THERE COMES A SAD PARTING...
GOODBYE, DANNY DINO... I'LL MISS YOU! BUT YOU'LL BE HAPPIER ON THE DINOSAUR WORLD... YOU'RE JUST TOO BIG FOR THIS PLANET!
A SPEEDY FLIGHT THROUGH SPACE-- AND, SHORTLY AFTERWARD...
YEEP! YEEP!
YEEP! YEEP! YEEP!
DANNY IS HAPPY NOW! I JUST HOPE JIMMY CAN FORGET HIM!
LATER, BACK ON EARTH...
WELL, IT WAS ALL FOR THE BEST! HE WAS TOO MUCH TROUBLE TO KEEP! I JUST WISH I HAD SOMETHING TO REMEMBER HIM BY!
I'M AFRAID YOU HAVE, JIMMY...
"DANNY" WAS THE WRONG NAME! LOOK WHAT HE... ER... I MEAN, SHE LEFT!
OH, NO! NOT AGAIN!
THE END.
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BUZZY learns about CAREERS in NURSING

WELCOME TO BROKEN LEG ALLEY, KIDS.'
SAY, DAVE, HOW MANY KINDS OF NURSES HAVE THEY GOT IN THIS HOSPITAL? I SEE THREE DIFFERENT UNIFORMS HERE.'
LPN

"I WAS A MEDICAL CORPSMAN IN THE WAR. IT WAS PRETTY RUGGED, BUT I HELPED TO SAVE A LOT OF LIVES AND DECIDED IT WAS THE CAREER FOR ME. SO AFTER THE WAR, I TOOK A 3-YEAR COURSE AND BECAME A REGISTERED NURSE, SPECIALIZING IN CARE OF MEN."

"MY HIGH SCHOOL CLUB DID VOLUNTEER WORK AT OUR TOWN'S HOSPITAL. I LEARNED A LOT WATCHING THE STUDENT NURSES AND FOUND I LOVED TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE.

"AFTER A 4-YEAR COLLEGE NURSING COURSE, I BECAME A REGISTERED NURSE. I'M GETTING MARRIED NEXT YEAR, BUT I'LL STILL KEEP ON WITH MY CAREER."

WE HAD A BIG FAMILY, AND I WANTED TO BE SELF-SUPPORTING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I KNEW ABOUT THE SHORTAGE OF NURSES, AND TOOK A 1-YEAR COURSE TO BECOME A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE. I LOVE IT BECAUSE I CAN HELP SICK, DISCOURAGED PEOPLE FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE."

SO-LONG, TEAM.'
I KNOW YOU'RE JOKING, DAVE, BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE--A TEAM, WITH EACH ONE DOING HIS JOB AT HELPING FOLKS GET WELL.'

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SUPERMAN'S PAL JIMMY OLSEN

WHO IS THE LAST PERSON, NEXT TO **SUPERMAN**, YOU WOULD EXPECT TO SEE BEHIND BARS? **SUPERMAN'S** PAL, OF COURSE, YOUNG JIMMY OLSEN! HOW CAN THE TRUSTWORTHY CUB REPORTER EVER BECOME ACCUSED OF CRIME? YOU WILL SEE THIS UNBELIEVABLE EVENT OCCUR WHEN YOU WITNESS...

THE TRIAL OF JIMMY OLSEN

GOSH, **SUPERMAN!** I'LL BE A GROWN MAN... (GULP!)... WHEN I FINISH MY SENTENCE!

I--I'M SURE YOU'RE INNOCENT, JIMMY! BUT I CAN'T PROVE IT!

AT THE **DAILY PLANET** OFFICE IN METROPOLIS ONE DAY, CUB REPORTER JIMMY OLSEN RECEIVES AN APPEAL FROM SMALLVILLE, **SUPERMAN'S** OLD HOME TOWN...

SMALLVILLE NEWS
Publisher
JOEL TODD

DEAR JIMMY:

UNLESS I RAISE $5,000 FAST, MY NEWSPAPER WILL GO OUT OF BUSINESS. I KNOW YOU CAN CONTACT SUPERMAN, SO WILL YOU PLEASE ASK HIM TO HELP ME FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE?

Joel Todd

GOSH, I KNOW **SUPERMAN** WOULD HELP IF HE WERE FREE! BUT RIGHT NOW, HE'S BUSY SMASHING A FLOCK OF METEORS FALLING TOWARD EARTH!

ORDINARILY, I COULD SELL THE SUPERMAN SOUVENIRS I OWN TO HELP JOEL TODD... BUT I'VE LOANED THEM OUT FOR A CHARITY DRIVE!
EXHIBIT OF SUPERMAN SOUVENIRS
ON LOAN FROM JIMMY OLSEN
AHA! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! SUPERBOY SOUVENIRS CAN HELP RAISE MONEY FOR TODD'S PAPER. I'LL ASK THE CHIEF FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND GO TO SMALLVILLE!
PERRY WHITE EDITOR IN-CHIEF
YOU ARE BEING A GOOD SAMARITAN, JIMMY... BUT LITTLE DO YOU KNOW HOW YOUR GOOD DEED WILL BRING YOU THE WORST TROUBLE OF YOUR LIFE!
SUPERMAN WILL REALLY BE AIDING HIS OLD FRIEND TODD, IN AN INDIRECT WAY... WITH THE SOUVENIRS HE CREATED WHEN HE WAS SUPERBOY!
CONDUCTOR
LATER, IN SUPERMAN'S HOME TOWN...
IN MEMORY OF THE OLD DAYS, WHEN SUPERBOY LIVED HERE IN SMALLVILLE, MANY FOLKS MUST HAVE SAVED SOUVENIRS! I'LL MAKE A DOOR TO DOOR APPEAL!
JIMMY'S WORTHY CAUSE MEETS WITH SYMPATHY!
IF YOU OWN A SUPERBOY SOUVENIR, WILL YOU DONATE IT FOR AN AUCTION SALE TO KEEP THE SMALLVILLE NEWS FROM GOING UNDER?
CERTAINLY! SUPERBOY LEFT US A SOUVENIR WHEN HE AIDED MY HUSBAND AND ME LONG AGO!
NURSERY
"WE HAD SIX CHILDREN AND WERE TOO POOR TO BUY THEM ANY TOYS ONE CHRISTMAS..."
GEE, I...I WAS HOPING FOR A HOBBY HORSE!
ALL THE CHILDREN COULD RIDE IT... BUT WE COULDN'T AFFORD IT! :SOB:

"WHEN SUPERBOY HEARD OF OUR TROUBLE, HE BECAME OUR SANTA CLAUS, BRINGING JOY TO OUR HOME...
WHEEE! WE CAN ALL RIDE THIS HOBBY HORSE AT ONCE! SUPERBOY MADE IT!
BLESS YOU, SUPERBOY, FOR MAKING THIS A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

OUR FAMILY IS GROWN UP! YOU CAN HAVE THE SUPER HOBBY HORSE!
THANKS, MA'AM! THAT TOUCHING STORY WILL HELP IT FETCH A GOOD PRICE AT THE SOUVENIR SALE I'LL HOLD! I'LL HAVE IT PICKED UP LATER!

MEANWHILE, SUPERMAN FINALLY FINISHES HIS CLEAN-UP JOB IN OUTER SPACE...
I SMASHED ALL EXCEPT THESE PECULIAR METEORS! I'LL BRING THEM TO ASTRONOMERS AS SCIENTIFIC CURIOSITIES!

FINDING OUT JIMMY'S MISSION, SUPERMAN FLIES TO SMALLVILLE TO DO HIS PART...
NICE OF YOU TO PINCH HIT FOR ME, JIMMY! CAN I HELP IN YOUR SALE OF SUPERBOY SOUVENIRS?
AND HOW, SUPERMAN! I WAS READY TO HIRE A TRUCK TO PICK UP THESE PLEDGED SOUVENIRS! DELIVER THEM TO THE AUCTION SHOP I RENTED!

THINKING OF HIS OWN SUPERMAN SOUVENIR COLLECTION, JIMMY HAS SAVED A HALF-SOUVENIR FOR HIMSELF!
ONCE AT THE SMALLVILLE FAIR, SUPERBOY HELD A TUG-OF-WAR WITH A LOCOMOTIVE AND...
THE ROPE BROKE!

BEWARE, JIMMY! THIS BROKEN ROPE IS GOING TO GET YOU INTO SERIOUS TROUBLE!
I NEVER OWNED A SUPERBOY SOUVENIR BEFORE! I'LL KEEP THIS HALF-- THE OTHER HALF WILL STILL BE SOLD TO HELP JOEL TODD!
MEANWHILE, SUPERMAN HAS ROUNDED UP THE SOUVENIRS PROMISED TO JIMMY...
JIMMY DID WELL! THESE OUGHT TO SELL FOR $5000 AND SAVE JOEL TODD FROM BANKRUPTCY!
AFTER THE MAN OF STEEL HAS DELIVERED THE SOUVENIRS TO THE SHOP JIMMY HAS RENTED..
THEY'LL SELL AT GOOD PRICES AS "ANTIQUES" FROM YOUR BOYHOOD DAYS, SUPERMAN! I'LL START THE SALE TOMORROW!
GOOD LUCK, JIMMY! I HAVE TO RETURN TO METROPOLIS!
THE NEXT MORNING, CROWDS LISTEN TO JIMMY'S SPIEL...
A THRILLING STORY GOES WITH EACH ONE, FOLKS! PERHAPS SOME OF YOU WERE SCHOOLKIDS AT THE TIME SUPERBOY MADE THIS SUPER-PRISM TO REPLACE BROKEN EQUIPMENT IN THE SCIENCE CLASS!
"MADE BY SUPERBOY, IT DEMONSTRATED THE FORMATION OF RAINBOWS TO THE PUPILS...
WHITE SUNLIGHT IS ACTUALLY COMPOSED OF SEVEN COLORS! RAINBOWS ARE FORMED WHEN WATER DROPLETS IN THE SKY SPLIT UP THE SUNBEAMS... LIKE THIS!

BUT ALL ARE NOT SUPERBOY SOUVENIRS OF LONG AGO...
THIS ONE IS A SUPERMAN SOUVENIR! ONLY A MONTH AGO, HE TRAILED SOME CROOKS TO A HIDEOUT IN SMALLVILLE AND...
YOU CAN'T
I'M INVULNERABLE, YOU IDIOTS! WELL, TO KEEP THE BULLETS FROM BEING WASTED, I'LL DEFLECT THEM WITH MY HAND! LET THAT MESSAGE BURN INTO YOUR MINDS, IN JAIL!
YOU CAN'T BEAT THE LAW
JIMMY'S SALE PROVES A SUPER-SUCCESS...
IT'S ALL TO SAVE THE SMALLVILLE NEWS!
GLAD TO HELP! AND ONE THING IS SURE... WE CAN TRUST SUPERMAN'S BOY PAL! WE KNOW THESE SOUVENIRS ARE GENUINE!
BUT AT HOME, AS ONE CUSTOMER PROUDLY SHOWS HIS PURCHASE TO HIS WIFE...
LOOK AT THIS STEEL BAR SUPERBOY TIED INTO A KNOT... OMIGOSH! IT... IT CRUMBLED AWAY LIKE CHEAP PLASTER!
ALL OVER TOWN, OTHERS ARE DISMAYED AND SUSPICIOUS AS THE VALUABLE SOUVENIRS SUDDENLY CRUMBLE INTO WORTHLESS DUST...
THIS DAGGER THAT COULDN'T STAB SUPERBOY... NOTHING BUT CHEAP PLASTER!
THIS IS NO GENUINE GIANT NEEDLE! JIMMY OLSEN SOLD ME A FAKE!
THE BRONZE BUST-- IT'S FALLING APART!
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CLOSING SHOP, JIMMY GETS A SHOCK!
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, YOUNG MAN... FOR SWINDLING PEOPLE WITH BOGUS SOUVENIRS!
BUT... BUT THEY WERE ALL GENUINE!
SALE
UPERBOY
OUVENIRS
OLD OUT
NOT ACCORDING TO A DOZEN WITNESSES, WHO SAID THEIR SOUVENIRS TURNED TO DUST! HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO AVOID A SCANDAL INVOLVING SUPERMAN'S NAME, THE MAYOR IS HOLDING A PRIVATE INVESTIGATION! COME ALONG!
LATER, BEHIND CLOSED DOORS...
JIMMY, AS SUPERMAN'S TRUSTED PAL, YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO PROVE YOUR INNOCENCE BEFORE WE MAKE FORMAL CHARGES! YOUR CUSTOMERS WILL BE AN INFORMAL "JURY"! HOW DO YOU PLEAD?
NOT GUILTY, YOUR HONOR! THEY WERE GENUINE SOUVENIRS!
YES, SOME OF THEM WERE GENUINE! BUT SEVERAL OTHERS TURNED TO DUST! HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THAT, JIMMY?
I... UH... CAN'T! BUT I RAISED THE MONEY FOR JOEL TODD! BESIDES, HOW COULD I BENEFIT BY SELLING FAKE SOUVENIRS?
WELL, YOU COULD PLAN TO SELL THE ORIGINALS LATER AND KEEP THE MONEY! WE FOUND THIS DAMAGING EVIDENCE IN YOUR HOTEL ROOM!
THEY DON'T KNOW IT'S NOT A DUPLICATE, BUT THE OTHER HALF OF THE ORIGINAL ROPE. THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE ME!
AH, YOU ADMIT IT! CONFESS THAT YOU HID THE OTHERS, INTENDING TO TAKE THEM HOME WITH YOU!
I... I'M INNOCENT BUT HOW CAN I PROVE IT?... (GULP!)
DESPERATELY, JIMMY SETS OFF THE SECRET S.O.S. IN HIS WRISTWATCH.
I'LL CALL SUPERMAN AS MY WITNESS! HE'S MY LAST HOPE!
ZZZZZZZZ
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APPEARING SWIFTLY, SUPERMAN IS SWORN IN AS A WITNESS IN JIMMY'S DEFENSE...
SUPERMAN! YOU PICKED UP THE LOAD OF SOUVENIRS FOR ME! WEREN'T THEY ALL GENUINE?
YES THEY WERE... UH... AT THAT TIME!
BUT JIMMY DIDN'T START THE SALE UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING! THUS, DURING THE NIGHT, HE COULD HAVE SUBSTITUTED SEVERAL SOUVENIR FORGERIES, WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE! CORRECT, SUPERMAN?
ER...THAT IS RIGHT!
I'M AFRAID MY TESTIMONY CAN'T SAVE JIMMY FROM A TRIAL!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE, JIMMY KNOWS THE DISGRACE OF IMPRISONMENT...
(GULP!)
SORRY, JIMMY! I HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO PRESS FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST YOU AS A SWINDLER! YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY IN JAIL UNTIL THE JUDGE FIXES THE AMOUNT OF BAIL!
I CAN'T BLAME THE MAYOR! HOW DID THOSE SOUVENIRS TURN INTO FAKES? I'M SUNK! EVEN SUPERMAN CAN'T HELP ME...
THE UNCANNY MYSTERY ALSO BAFFLES SUPERMAN...
HMM... THESE EXHIBITS ARE THE GENUINE SOUVENIRS JIMMY SOLD. THEY INCLUDE A RUBBER BALLOON, A WOODEN ARROW, AND A GLASS BOOK! WHY DIDN'T THEY, TOO, TURN TO DUST?
MAYOR
I HAVE IT! THE ONES THAT TURNED TO DUST WERE ALL OF METAL! GREAT SCOTT! NOW I SEE THE AMAZING TRUTH... I'M THE ONE WHO PUT JIMMY IN JAIL!
AFTER A SPEEDY TRIP TO METROPOLIS, THE MAN OF STEEL ROUNDS UP THE MAYOR OF SMALLVILLE AND...
WHEN I SMASHED A FLOCK OF METEORS YESTERDAY, I BROUGHT THIS PECULIAR SPECIMEN BACK FOR SCIENTIFIC STUDY! TOUCH IT AND SEE WHAT IT'S MADE OF, SIR!
IT LOOKS LIKE IRON!
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WHY... IT CRUMBLED TO DUST!
YES... IRON RUST, ACTUALLY! ASTRONOMERS TELL ME THAT THIS METEOR MET A CLOUD OF ACID VAPOR IN SPACE! ACID EATS OR "RUSTS" METAL!
"WHEN I DELIVERED JIMMY'S SOUVENIRS, I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT SOME OF THE ACID VAPOR HAD DRIFTED DOWN TO EARTH..."
SNIFF! HMM... WHAT ARE THOSE PUNGENT FUMES? WELL, THEY CAN'T DO ANY HARM UP HERE!
BUT THE ACID FUMES SLOWLY RUSTED ALL THE METAL SOUVENIRS! THAT'S WHY THEY TURNED TO DUST AFTER JIMMY SOLD THEM!
I'M HAPPY THAT JIMMY IS INNOCENT!
LATER...
USING MY SUPER-MEMORY, I'LL MAKE REPLACEMENTS OF ALL THE METAL SOUVENIRS, SO THEIR OWNERS DON'T LOSE OUT!
AND THIS $5,000 GOES TO JOEL TODD AFTER ALL!
SOON, AT THE SMALLVILLE NEWS...
THANKS JIMMY!
SKIP IT, MR. TODD! WE NEWSPAPERMAN MUST STICK TOGETHER, EH? AND I'VE GOT MY "REWARD", TOO, FROM SUPERMAN HIMSELF!
SMALLVILLE PRESS
JOEL TODD, PROP
BACK HOME, JIMMY PROUDLY ADDS A SUPERBOY SOUVENIR TO HIS SUPERMAN COLLECTION...
SUPER DUPER!
TO JIMMY OLSEN, HONORARY PAL OF SUPERBOY
THE END

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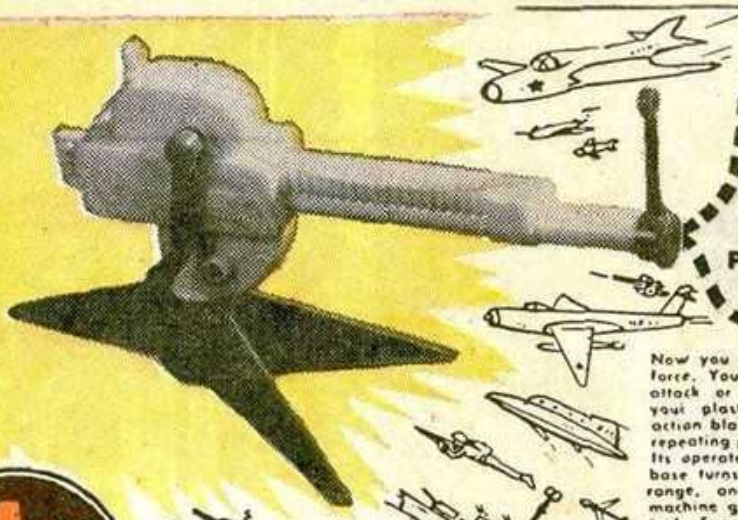

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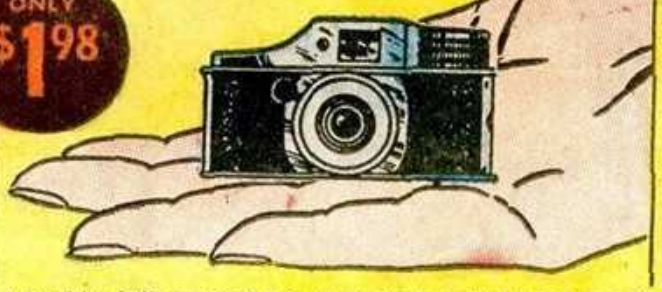

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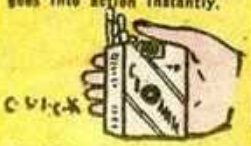

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ISN'T HE GREAT?
SOME COURAGE!
THAT WAS A GREAT PERFORMANCE! ISN'T IT DIFFICULT ENOUGH? MUST YOU BE BLINDFOLDED, TOO?
YES! I'M SCARED OF HIGH PLACES WHEN I LOOK DOWN!
END

HOME OF THE COWBOY

"I ALWAYS had the idea that the name 'cowboy' came from somewhere, say in Texas or Oklahoma, or somewhere around there. Well, some researchers have come up with some additional information. I sure hate to give old New York credit, but cowboys came from there—from the effete East—just a few miles away from New York City."

That was what the famous philosopher and confirmed Westerner, Will Rogers, said, and readers, who have heard different opinions, will share in his surprise when they learn how the word originated.

Soon after the French and Indian Wars, British and Scotch pioneers settled high on the rocky, wooded ridge of what is now Stormville, in Dutchess County, New York. In dividing the Colony of New York, the British King granted large tracts of land —except the mountain, range known as the Highlands—to wealthy patroons. These land barons rented land at exorbitant fees and squeezed what they could out of the tenant farmers, pioneers who had been exiled to the Highlands by royal decree.

Pressed by the ruthless power of these patroons, the pioneers finally staged a series of cattle raids on their rich valley estates. Indignant over the loss of their herds, the landowners coined the word, "Cowboy," in referring insultingly to these men from the Highlands. The year was 1766, and the name stuck through the Revolutionary War, when the cowboys, who had fought against the British, trekked westward and established what is now Marietta, Ohio, where land and freedom were plentiful.

From that point, they drifted down the Ohio River, some piloting river boats, others working as Conestoga Wagon drivers along the Nocomolin Trail, named after the Indian chief. Westward to Kansas City they moved, then down to Texas, where they organized a border patrol soon to be known as "Cameron's Cowboys," after their leader, Ewen Cameron. The name was well taken, not only because it had been acquired back east, but because the men began to herd and brand the wild longhorns of that area.

With the cattle drives to shipping points in Kansas and Missouri, the term, "cowboy," spread north. Shortly after, it was used throughout the west. To Buffalo Bill Cody goes the credit for popularizing the name, for it was his Wild West Shows that brought the cowboy to the attention of the nation hungry for vicarious adventure and thrills. From there on, the cowboy's fame grew and gradually changed as Hollywood moviemakers seized upon him as a character and twisted him into the mythical cowboy.

Proof of the cowboy's origin in the Highlands of Stormville, New York, is offered by Charles and Susan Zurhorst, who documented their claim with archeological relics unearthed in the vicinity and now displayed in a museum which is open to the public. "Lost Village" is its name, and today's high-and-wide riding members of the Texas Cattle Breeders Association, in a fitting tribute to the pioneer cowpunchers this year, presented it with a monument, recognizing it as the birthplace of the American cowboy.

SHORTY
YOUNG MAN, WOULD YOU HELP ME OUT?
I'VE GOT TO GET UP TO THIS CLOCK FOR A MINUTE. COULD YOU GIVE ME A LIFT?
THIS IS FINE!
OWW-THIS IS ROUGH!
I GUESS HE'S THE REPAIR MAN. DARN SILLY OF HIM TO FORGET HIS LADDER!
THANKS, MY BOY. I JUST WANTED TO SEE WHAT TIME IT IS. I LEFT MY GLASSES AT HOME!
THE END

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SUPERMAN'S PAL JIMMY OLSEN

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MERMAIDS? DON'T LAUGH THEM OFF AS CREATURES OF LEGEND UNTIL YOU TALK TO JIMMY OLSEN! IN FACT, THE CUB REPORTER WOULD OFFER HIMSELF AS PROOF THAT THE LEGEND CAN COME TRUE! IF YOU THINK THIS IS A "FISH STORY," RESERVE YOUR FINAL ANSWER UNTIL YOU SEE...

THE MERMAN OF METROPOLIS

JIMMY, DON'T YOU... ER... WANT A BREATH OF FRESH AIR BY NOW?

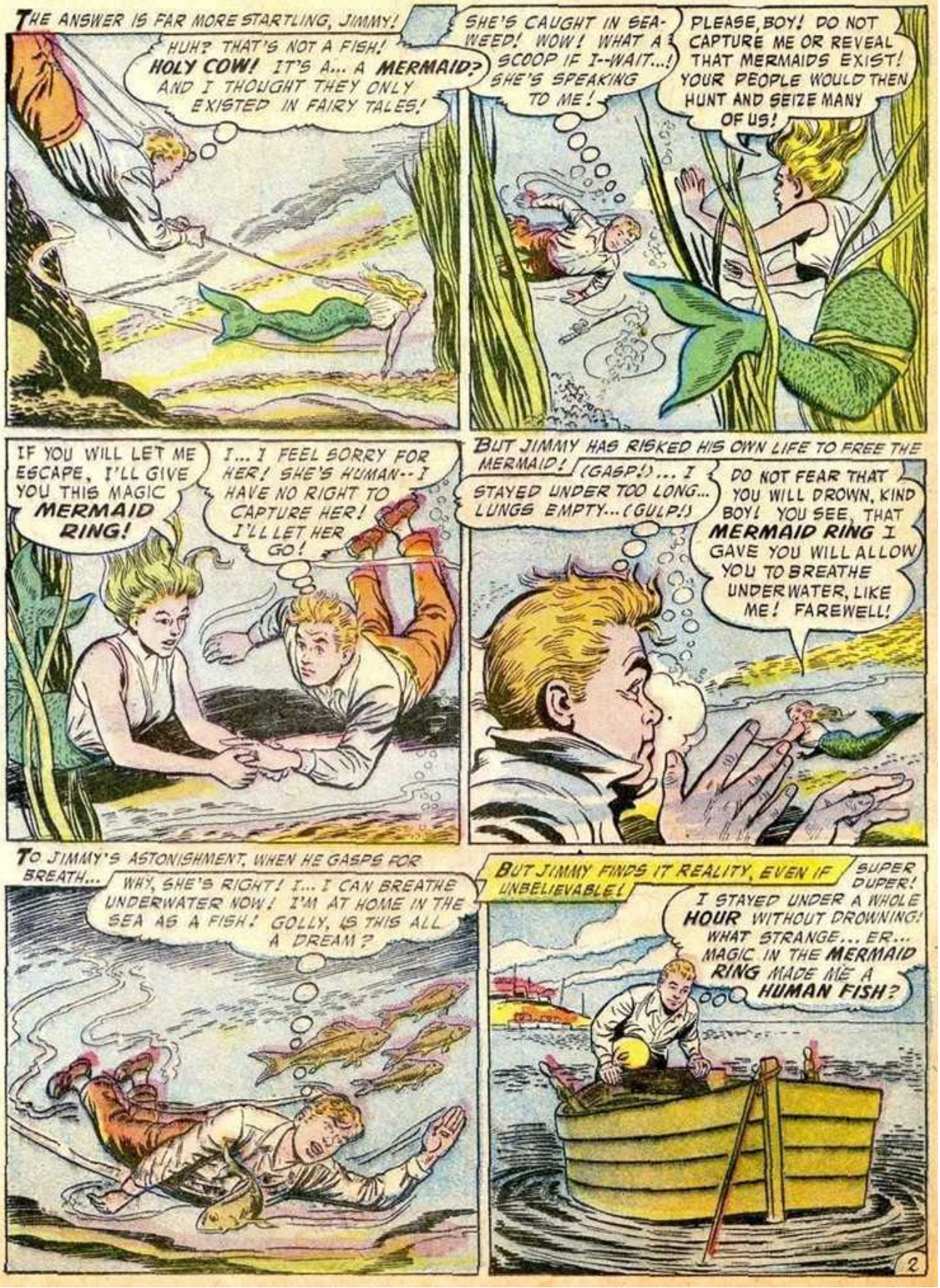
NAW, SUPERMAN! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS NICE FRESH WATER TO BREATHE? BESIDES, I'VE ONLY BEEN DOWN AN HOUR!

SPENDING HIS LEISURE TIME FISHING ONE DAY, JIMMY OLSEN HAS AN ANGLER'S GREATEST THRILL WHEN...

SUPER DUPER! I'VE GOT A BIG ONE! OOF... HOPE I CAN PULL HIM UP!

INSTEAD...

YIPES! I GOT PULLED IN! DID I HOOK A WHALE OR WHAT?


THE ANSWER IS FAR MORE STARTLING, JIMMY!
HUH? THAT'S NOT A FISH! HOLY COW! IT'S A... A MERMAID? AND I THOUGHT THEY ONLY EXISTED IN FAIRY TALES!
SHE'S CAUGHT IN SEA-WEED! WOW! WHAT A SCOOP IF I--WAIT...! SHE'S SPEAKING TO ME!
PLEASE, BOY! DO NOT CAPTURE ME OR REVEAL THAT MERMAIDS EXIST! YOUR PEOPLE WOULD THEN HUNT AND SEIZE MANY OF US!
IF YOU WILL LET ME ESCAPE, I'LL GIVE YOU THIS MAGIC MERMAID RING!
I... I FEEL SORRY FOR HER! SHE'S HUMAN--I HAVE NO RIGHT TO CAPTURE HER! I'LL LET HER GO!
BUT JIMMY HAS RISKED HIS OWN LIFE TO FREE THE MERMAID!
(GASP!)... I STAYED UNDER TOO LONG... LUNGS EMPTY... (GULP!)
DO NOT FEAR THAT YOU WILL DROWN, KIND BOY! YOU SEE, THAT MERMAID RING I GAVE YOU WILL ALLOW YOU TO BREATHE UNDERWATER, LIKE ME! FAREWELL!
TO JIMMY'S ASTONISHMENT, WHEN HE GASPS FOR BREATH...
WHY, SHE'S RIGHT! I... I CAN BREATHE UNDERWATER NOW! I'M AT HOME IN THE SEA AS A FISH! GOLLY, IS THIS ALL A DREAM?
BUT JIMMY FINDS IT REALITY, EVEN IF UNBELIEVABLE!
SUPER DUPER!
I STAYED UNDER A WHOLE HOUR WITHOUT DROWNING! WHAT STRANGE... ER... MAGIC IN THE MERMAID RING MADE ME A HUMAN FISH?

EXAMINING THE RING REVEALS NO ANSWER... AND ONLY BRINGS UP ANOTHER RIDDLE...
HEY!... WHAT ARE THOSE STRANGE INDELIBLE INK MARKINGS ON MY PALM? DID I SOMEHOW GET IT FROM TOUCHING THE MERMAID? OH, WELL, I'LL CLEAN 'EM OFF LATER!
MEANWHILE, THERE IS A CRIME CHASE NEAR SHORE...
WE'LL NAB THOSE BANDITS!
YEH... BUT NOT THE LOOT! DUMP THE JEWELS DOWN TO THE BOTTOM! HA, HA!
POLICE
ROWING BY, INSPIRATION HITS JIMMY!
OFFICER, WATCH ME BRING UP THOSE SUNKEN JEWELS!
STOP, YOU FOOL KID! YOU... YOU'LL DROWN! ...THEY'RE DOWN DEEP!
ONLY MOMENTS LATER, SUPERMAN IS ON THE JOB AS USUAL... TO MEET A SUPER-SHOCK BELOW!
HI, SUPERMAN! I BEAT YOU TO IT, EH?
GREAT SCOTT! IS...IS THAT YOU, JIMMY OLSEN? 'WAY DOWN HERE?
I'M INVULNERABLE TO DROWNING, AND MY SUPER VOICE ALLOWS ME TO TALK UNDERWATER! BUT... BUT HOW CAN YOU TALK AND BREATHE UNDER-WATER, JIMMY?
SORRY, I... UH... CAN'T EXPLAIN, SUPERMAN!
I CAN'T BETRAY THE MERMAID AND TELL ANYONE ABOUT HER OR THE WONDERFUL RING!
LATER, AT THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY PLANET, WHERE THE CUB REPORTER WORKS...
HMM! THIS INDELIBLE STAIN WON'T COME OFF! BUT WHO CARES? NOW TO TYPE UP MY BIG SCOOP ABOUT THE LOOT, WITHOUT GIVING AWAY THE SECRET OF THE MERMAID!
CLEANING FLUID

WHEN PERRY WHITE, MANAGING EDITOR, RETURNS FROM A TRIP AND SEES JIMMY'S HEADLINE...
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! IS... IS THIS A "FISHY STORY," JIMMY?
SUPERMAN IS MY WITNESS, CHIEF! BUT THAT'S NOTHING! WAIT TILL YOU SEE THE HEADLINES I'LL MAKE TOMORROW AS THE HUMAN FISH!
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"MERMAN OLSEN" BRINGS UP SUNKEN LOOT
AT HOME THE NEXT MORNING, JIMMY HAS A SPECIAL COSTUME READY!
SHUCKS! MY MIRROR WOULD BE BROKEN JUST WHEN I WANTED TO SEE MYSELF! ANYWAY, HERE GOES TO MAKE THE HEADLINES OF THE CENTURY!
IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, "MERMAN OLSEN" PERFORMS UNDERWATER FEATS NO OTHER PERSON CAN DUPLICATE, EXCEPT MIGHTY SUPERMAN HIMSELF!
THIS KILLER SHARK HAS BEEN SCARING PEOPLE FROM THE BEACH! NICE SPECIMEN FOR THE AQUARIUM!
SCIENTISTS WILL GO WILD OVER THESE PICTURES OF RARE DEEP-SEA FISH!
I'LL RESCUE THIS DIVER WHOSE LINES GOT TANGLED!
AND TO AID A CHARITY DRIVE, JIMMY NEXT PUTS ON A UNIQUE EXHIBIT AT THE METROPOLIS AQUARIUM!
BALLS O' FIRE! HE'S BEEN UNDERWATER FOR HOURS LIKE A "MERMAN"! AND IT'S NO TRICK!
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BUT WAIT! WHAT IS SUPERMAN SECRETLY DOING IN HIDING?
NOBODY SUSPECTS THE TRUTH! I MADE THIS PLASTIC TUBE OF SUCH PURITY THAT IT'S INVISIBLE IN THE WATER! IT ALLOWS ME TO SEND THIS COMPRESSED OXYGEN DOWN TO JIMMY!
OXYGEN
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BY REGULATING THE FLOW CAREFULLY, I KEEP A CONTINUOUS BUBBLE OF OXYGEN AROUND JIMMY'S FACE, FOR HIM TO BREATHE! JIMMY IS UNAWARE, SINCE OXYGEN IS AN INVISIBLE GAS! I PLANNED ALL THIS FROM THE START...
"WHEN JIMMY WENT FISHING YESTERDAY, I WAS THE BIG ONE WHO YANKED HIM DOWN!"
TIME FOR JIMMY TO MEET THE "MERMAID"! IT'S REALLY A DUMMY THAT I CAN MANIPULATE LIKE A PUPPET!
"HIDDEN BY SEAWEEDS, I FOOLED JIMMY BY USING MY SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM TO MAKE THE DUMMY 'TALK'..."
IF YOU'LL LET ME ESCAPE, I'LL GIVE YOU THIS MAGIC MERMAID RING!
I HAVE THE PLASTIC TUBE AND OXYGEN-TANK READY TO MAKE THE "MAGIC" WORK!
BUT, SUPERMAN... WHY ARE YOU DELIBERATELY FOOLING YOUR PAL, JIMMY, BY MAKING HIM THINK HE CAN LIVE UNDERWATER?
BY USE OF VARIOUS TRICKS, I SECRETLY SUPPLIED JIMMY WITH OXYGEN DURING ALL HIS "MERMAN" DEEDS! BUT I CAN'T TELL ANYONE WHY I'M DOING THIS... LEAST OF ALL JIMMY!
SUDDENLY, AS JIMMY STARTS TO COMB HIS HAIR...
OH, OH! A MIRROR! I'LL HAVE TO CRACK IT WITH AN INTENSE X-RAY BEAM!
WHY DOES THE MAN OF STEEL FEAR A COMMON MIRROR?
WHEW!... THAT WAS CLOSE! I SECRETLY BROKE THE MIRROR IN HIS HOME, TOO! I MUST NOT ALLOW JIMMY TO SEE HIS REFLECTION CLEARLY... (GULP!)... OR I'M SUNK!

WHEN JIMMY ENDS THE CHARITY EXHIBIT...
TIME FOR BED! I'LL DO MORE MERMAN STUNTS TOMORROW!
WHEN HE LEAVES THE OFFICE TOMORROW, CLARK KENT WILL "LEAVE," TOO... AND I'LL FOLLOW HIM! I HAVE TO KEEP UP THE MERMAN HOAX ONE MORE DAY!
AQUARIUM CUSTODIAN
NEXT MORNING, AS CLARK KENT IS ABOUT TO FOLLOW HIS PLAN...
FLASH! A SUBMARINE SANK OFF THE COAST, TRAPPING THE CREW! THEIR ESCAPE HATCH IS JAMMED!
THIS IS A JOB FOR MERMAN OLSEN!
I'LL CHANGE AND FOLLOW HIM!
BUT TO CLARK'S CONSTERNATION...
DROP EVERYTHING, CLARK! THIS'LL BE SENSATIONAL! YOU AND LOIS LANE FLY JIMMY THERE AND COVER THE STORY! TAKE THE FLYING NEWSROOM!
OMIGOSH! I... I CAN'T REFUSE THE BOSS!
CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT FACES A GRIM DILEMMA!
I'LL RESCUE THOSE MEN NO MATTER HOW DEEP THE SUB LIES! LUCKY I CAN BREATHE UNDER-WATER!
BUT HE CAN'T... WITHOUT SUPERMAN'S SECRET HELP! YET I... I CAN'T CHANGE WITH LOIS LANE AROUND!
AT THE SCENE OF THE DISASTER... JIMMY WILL
THEY PUT A BUOY MARKER WHERE THE SUB SANK! HERE GOES!
DROWN UNLESS... AH, I HAVE IT! I'LL BLOW JIMMY DOWN WITH SUPER-BREATH, MAKING HIM REACH THE SUB AT SUPER-SPEED!
THUS, BEFORE JIMMY EVEN NEEDS TO TAKE A BREATH...
THE ESCAPE HATCH WAS JAMMED FROM INSIDE, BUT NOT FROM OUTSIDE! NOW THE CREW CAN SWIM UP WITH THEIR REGULATION EMERGENCY BREATHING APPARATUS!

BUT CLARK STILL HAS A PROBLEM!
JIMMY ALSO NEEDS AIR TO BREATHE ON HIS WAY UP! HMM... MY SUPER X-RAYS WILL BURST OPEN THAT OXYGEN TANK IN THE SUB, CREATING A HUGE AIR BUBBLE!
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UNKNOWN TO MERMAN OLSEN, THE BUBBLE OF INVISIBLE OXYGEN RISES WITH HIM!
BOY, IT'S GREAT TO BE A "FISHMAN"! BREATHING WATER SEEMS EXACTLY LIKE BREATHING AIR TO ME!
HI, CLARK! THAT WAS MY FIRST FEAT TODAY, BUT I'LL DO MANY MORE!
HMM! NO YOU WON'T, JIMMY! THERE'S NO FURTHER REASON FOR YOU TO BE A "MERMAN"... AS I CAN PLAINLY SEE!
LATER, AFTER CLARK CHANGES TO SUPERMAN AND CATCHES UP WITH JIMMY...
THIS MAP SHOWS WHERE AN OLD SUNKEN SHIP LIES, FULL OF GOLD! IT'S A MILE DEEP BUT WHAT'S THAT TO ME... MERMAN OLSEN?
WAIT, JIMMY! THIS'LL BE A SHOCK BUT... YOU'RE NOT A MERMAN!
AFTER SUPERMAN EXPLAINS HOW HE SECRETLY MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR JIMMY TO BREATHE UNDERWATER...
JEEPERS! WHAT WILL PEOPLE SAY WHEN THEY HEAR... (CHOKE!)... THE TRUTH?
THEY'LL STILL CHEER YOU, JIMMY! AFTER ALL, YOU DID BIG DEEDS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ME, AS ALWAYS BEFORE! I'LL EXPLAIN I NEEDED YOUR AID!
BUT... BUT JUST WHY DID YOU HOAX ME INTO BELIEVING I WAS A MERMAN, SUPERMAN?
FOR A VERY IMPORTANT REASON, JIMMY! UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN NEVER TELL YOU... OR ANYONE... THE WHOLE STORY! IT WOULD REVEAL MY SECRET IDENTITY!
TACKLE
BAIT
BOATS

"I CAN'T EVEN TELL JIMMY THE BEGINNING OF IT ALL! AT THE OFFICE THREE DAYS AGO, WHEN I WAS FULFILLING A REQUEST FROM SCIENTISTS..."
THEY'RE GOING TO BURY A TIME CAPSULE TO BE OPENED IN THE FAR FUTURE! THEY SUGGESTED I ENCLOSE A SEALED NOTE TELLING MY OTHER IDENTITY!
"THERE WAS NO DANGER IN REVEALING MY GREAT SECRET UNDER THOSE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES..."
THE 30th CENTURY CAN SAFELY KNOW WHAT THE 20th CENTURY WILL NEVER LEARN!
Clark Kent was Superman's other identity
"BUT AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT..."
I'VE GOT SOME TIME OFF, CLARK! KNOW ANY GOOD FISHING SPOT?
GREAT SCOTT! JIMMY PUT HIS PALM DOWN ON MY NOTE... BEFORE THE INK DRIED! THAT WILL MAKE AN INDELIBLE IMPRESSION IN REVERSE SCRIPT ON HIS HAND!
IF JIMMY LOOKS CLOSELY IN A MIRROR, THE WRITING WILL BE READABLE, REVEALING MY IDENTITY!
TRY...ER... BASS BAY, JIMMY! IT'S A GOOD FISHING HOLE!
"AN IDEA HAD ALREADY FORMED IN MY MIND..."
THAT SPECIAL "TIME CAPSULE" INK CAN'T BE WASHED OFF! ONLY CORROSIVE SALT WATER CAN SLOWLY DISSOLVE IT! HMM... I THINK JIMMY WILL HAVE TO BECOME A "MERMAN," CAUSING HIM TO SPEND MANY HOURS IN SALTY SEA WATER!
SUPERMAN'S REMINISCENCES ARE OVER, AND FINALLY, AT CLARK KENT'S APARTMENT...
NOW ONLY THE FUTURE PEOPLE WILL KNOW MY SECRET! WHEW! THAT WAS TOUCH-AND-GO, KEEPING JIMMY FROM "READING HIS PALM," UNTIL THE SEA WATER WASHED OFF THE EVIDENCE FROM HIS HAND!
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GOSH, HOW DID MY BEING A "MERMAN" SAVE SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY? WHAT CLUE DID IT COVER UP? GUESS I...I'LL NEVER KNOW!?
VALL SHED FIST
MAGIC MERMAN RING HA, HA!
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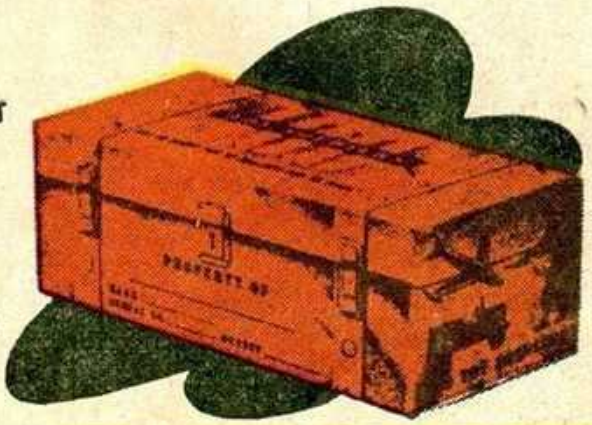

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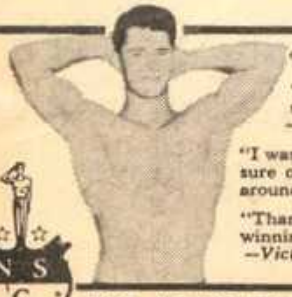

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